

Class Rank Policy



Challenges of Class Rank

Challenge 1

Created a negative educational environment. Students chose to take classes based on the # of AP courses other students were taking.

Challenge 2

Does not benefit our students in comparison with other schools that are less rigorous. Our class rank was not an accurate reflection of the students ability.

Challenge 3

Created a Competitive Environment among peers. Students lost sight of their own personal goals and what was relevant in terms of their educational needs.

The history behind the **Elimination of Class Rank**

Since the elimination of the class rank, students take the classes they are interested in. The student's goal is to do their personal best in the courses and the educational environment has improved. The Counseling Dept. is able to provide students with their class rank for scholarship purposes or any other reason. This is done through a letter instead of the class rank being on the transcript.

School District Comparison



Class Rank

No longer included on Transcript

Bethel Park

Fox Chapel

Franklin Regional

Mt. Lebanon

Pine Richland

North Allegheny

Quaker Valley

Upper St. Clair

Class Rank

Still Included on Transcript

Gateway

Greater Latrobe

Hampton

Hempfield

North Hills

Penn Hills

Penn Trafford

Shaler

See Attached Class Rank for more details on how a small percentage can significantly impact a person's class rank.

Example :
Currently a student with a 4.0 is ranked 51/326

Example of PHS Class Rank

MPI Seniors 2016-17 Rank Report

Senior year MPI
 Junior year Cum. GPA

Rank	Student ID	First Name	Last Name	MI	Grd	Sex	EIN	Rank GPA 1	Rank GPA 2	Earned Current GPA	%ile	Rank Schl	ID#	
Weighted 4pt WIP (HS4RWWIP) for Group 12 including students only in building 001														
1		12	M	E				4.579	0.000	4.571	21.0000	99.69	001	1
2		12	M	E				4.497	0.000	4.500	22.0000	99.38	001	2
3		12	M	E				4.497	0.000	4.500	22.0000	99.38	001	3
4		12	F	E				4.486	0.000	4.476	21.0000	98.77	001	4
5		12	F	E				4.475	0.000	4.476	21.0000	98.46	001	5
6		12	M	E				4.459	0.000	4.454	22.0000	98.16	001	6
7		12	F	E				4.423	0.000	4.409	22.0000	97.85	001	7
8		12	F	E				4.415	0.000	4.428	21.0000	97.54	001	8
9		12	F	E				4.413	0.000	4.428	21.0000	97.23	001	9
10		12	F	E				4.412	0.000	4.409	22.0000	96.93	001	10
11		12	M	E				4.412	0.000	4.409	22.0000	96.93	001	11
12		12	M	E				4.412	0.000	4.454	22.0000	96.93	001	12
13		12	F	E				4.391	0.000	4.409	22.0000	96.01	001	13
14		12	F	E				4.387	0.000	4.409	22.0000	95.70	001	14
15		12	F	E				4.372	0.000	4.390	20.5000	95.39	001	15
16		12	F	E				4.338	0.000	4.318	22.0000	95.09	001	16
17		12	F	E				4.328	0.000	4.318	22.0000	94.78	001	17
18		12	F	E				4.320	0.000	4.333	21.0000	94.47	001	18
19		12	F	E				4.315	0.000	4.325	21.5000	94.17	001	19
20		12	F	E				4.301	0.000	4.333	21.0000	93.86	001	20
21		12	F	E				4.276	0.000	4.285	21.0000	93.55	001	21
22		12	F	E				4.276	0.000	4.285	21.0000	93.55	001	22
23		12	M	E				4.275	0.000	4.272	22.0000	92.94	001	23
24		12	M	E				4.265	0.000	4.285	21.0000	92.63	001	24
25		12	F	E				4.261	0.000	4.272	22.0000	92.33	001	25
26		12	F	E				4.248	0.000	4.268	20.5000	92.02	001	26
27		12	F	E				4.240	0.000	4.238	21.0000	91.71	001	27
28		12	F	E				4.211	0.000	4.227	22.0000	91.41	001	28
29		12	F	E				4.187	0.000	4.190	21.0000	91.10	001	29
30		12	F	E				4.179	0.000	4.204	22.0000	90.79	001	30
31		12	F	E				4.167	0.000	4.133	15.0000	90.49	001	31
32		12	F	E				4.165	0.000	4.190	21.0000	90.18	001	32
33		12	M	E				4.158	0.000	4.159	22.0000	89.87	001	33
34		12	F	E				4.153	0.000	4.142	21.0000	89.57	001	34
35		12	F	E				4.148	0.000	4.138	22.0000	89.26	001	35
36		12	F	E				4.140	0.000	4.139	21.5000	88.95	001	36
37		12	M	E				4.138	0.000	4.150	20.0000	88.65	001	37
38		12	M	E				4.132	0.000	4.142	21.0000	88.34	001	38
39		12	F	E				4.126	0.000	4.136	22.0000	88.03	001	39
40		12	F	E				4.109	0.000	4.113	22.0000	87.73	001	40
41		12	F	E				4.106	0.000	4.093	21.5000	87.42	001	41
42		12	F	E				4.105	0.000	4.090	22.0000	87.11	001	42
43		12	F	E				4.088	0.000	4.095	21.0000	86.81	001	43
44		12	M	E				4.086	0.000	4.093	21.0000	86.51	001	44
45		12	M	E				4.064	0.000	4.069	21.5000	86.19	001	45
46		12	M	E				4.063	0.000	4.068	22.0000	85.89	001	46
47		12	F	E				4.063	0.000	4.090	22.0000	85.58	001	47
48		12	M	E				4.042	0.000	4.045	22.0000	85.27	001	48
49		12	F	E				4.033	0.000	4.047	21.0000	84.96	001	49
50		12	M	E				4.000	0.000	4.000	21.0000	84.65	001	50
51		12	F	E				3.984	0.000	4.000	22.0000	84.35	001	51
52		12	M	E				3.968	0.000	3.954	22.0000	84.04	001	52
53		12	F	E				3.967	0.000	3.953	22.0000	83.74	001	53
54		12	M	E				3.967	0.000	3.976	21.5000	83.43	001	54
55		12	M	E				3.957	0.000	3.953	21.5000	83.13	001	55
56		12	F	E				3.955	0.000	3.928	21.0000	82.82	001	56
57		12	F	E				3.947	0.000	3.931	22.0000	82.51	001	57
58		12	M	E				3.947	0.000	3.954	22.0000	82.20	001	58
59		12	F	E				3.946	0.000	3.954	22.0000	81.90	001	59
60		12	F	E				3.944	0.000	3.952	21.0000	81.59	001	60

Handwritten notes on the table:

- 0.002 difference between 8th + 9th
- 0.001 difference between 9th and 10th
- 0.001 difference between #21 + #23
- Ranked 51/326 w/ 4.00
- 15.6th percentile

College Perspective

Carnegie Mellon University	HS moving away from Rank, view AP courses and unweighted Grades
LaRoche College	Does not consider class rank
Duquesne University	Acknowledge Rank if present. Does not present a problem if absent
Penn State University (Main)	$\frac{2}{3}$ Decision is GPA, $\frac{1}{3}$ SAT No penalty for no rank
University of Pittsburgh	GPA, SAT Scores, and Courses most important factor
University of Pennsylvania	An Holistic approach, look at it if it's there but do not penalize if it is not

Schools who do not recognize Valedictorian

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What's in the news?!

Recognition as valedictorian disappearing across the region:

<http://triblive.com/neighborhoods/yourfoxchapel/yourfoxchapelmore/4075429-74/class-students-rank>

More top high schools drop out of class-rank system

http://www.philly.com/philly/education/20161030_More_top_high_schools_drop_out_of_class-rank_system.html

To Rank or Not to Rank

<https://professionals.collegeboard.org/guidance/applications/rank>

Many high schools in W.Pa. move away from naming single valedictorian

<http://triblive.com/news/allegHENY/4097048-74/class-students-valedictorian>